

REMARKS

Claims 1-7, 9-17, 19-27 and 29-33 are now pending in the present application. Claims 1, 11, 21 and 31-33 are being amended, and Claims 8, 18 and 28 are being cancelled, herewith. Reconsideration of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

I. 35 U.S.C. § 103, Alleged Obviousness

Claims 1, 11 and 18 are being amended herewith to include features previously recited in respective dependent Claims 8, 18 and 28 (which are thus being cancelled herewith without prejudice or disclaimer). The reasons why Claims 8, 18 and 28 are non-obvious in view of the cited references have previously been articulated in the Response to Office Action filed by Applicants on 9/15/04, and which are hereby incorporated by reference. In summary, it is respectfully urged that none of the cited references teach or suggest the claimed steps of (i) determining if the status update information indicates that an event has been resolved within a window of opportunity associated with the event or (ii) performing the steps of adapting and modifying only when the event has not been resolved within the window of opportunity. The cited Kaufer and Lesaint references do not teach or otherwise suggest a window of opportunity associated with an event, let alone the specific features of claims 8, 18 and 28 that pertain to such a window of opportunity associated with an event. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection of amended Claims 1, 11 and 21 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), and allowance of such claims and their respective dependent claims.

II. Claims 31-33

Previously added Claims 31-33 have been amended herewith to be in independent form. The reasons why these Claims 31-33 are non-obvious in view of the cited references have previously been articulated in the Response to Office Action filed by Applicants on 9/15/04, and which are hereby incorporated by reference. In summary, none of the cited references teach or suggest that the event driven process is a process that is comprised of a plurality of scheduled events wherein a change to a performance time of one scheduled event in the plurality of scheduled events affects a performance of another scheduled event at its initially scheduled time of performance. In addition, these

claims recite that adapting an initial schedule includes modifying a time of performance of a first scheduled event in the plurality of scheduled events and then modifying a time of performance of a second scheduled event in the plurality of scheduled events based on the modification to the first scheduled event's performance time. Moreover, these claims recite that modifying the adapted schedule based on historical information includes modifying one of the modified first scheduled event performance time and the modified second scheduled event performance time based on the historical information. It is respectfully submitted that these features of Claims 31-33 are therefore non-obvious in view of the cited references. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request allowance of such claims.

III. Conclusion

It is respectfully urged that the subject application is patentable over the cited art of record and is now in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number if in the opinion of the Examiner such a telephone conference would expedite or aid the prosecution and examination of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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